

APPROVED



**SCOTTSDALE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
PINNACLE TRAINING ROOM
7575 EAST MAIN STREET
SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA 85251
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2004**

MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: John Tutelman, Chair
Ken Culver, Vice Chair
Carol Padwe, Commissioner
Enid Seiden, Commissioner
Aubrey Strickstein, Commissioner
Ted Tyler, Commissioner

ABSENT: Marty Gendron, Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT: Velicia McMillan, Staff Liaison

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tutelman called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

A formal roll call confirmed members present as stated above.

**PROMOTING UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY PROGRAM APPLICATION
SUBMITTAL:**

Chair Tutelman requested the commissioners' review and discuss the merits of the applications submitted for PUCP funds. Concerned Citizens for Community Health have submitted funding requests for their Scottsdale Yaqui Community: 1) To purchase ceremonial regalia for our Yaqui youth to perform with the Kolencia at local cultural

events, and 2) To sponsor an educational program to increase greater understanding of our Native American youth in the public schools.

Commissioner Seiden inquired what is Kolencia. Dr. McMillan replied it is the name of the performance and refers to the dancers.

Chair Tutelman inquired about the PUCP budget. Dr. McMillan replied there are funds for 10 \$250.00 grants minus the grant that was approved last month.

Commissioner Tyler expressed his reservations regarding supporting the purchase of ceremonial regalia because he did not see how that enhances diversity awareness or eliminate bias. He remarked that he would support the educational program. Commissioner Strickstein stated he would disagree because he felt the costumes are symbolic and provide another form of education. He further stated his concern would be regarding whether the costumes would provide an impact, which he felt the costumes would not.

Commissioner Tyler made a motion to approve the recommendation for Native Bridges Item No. 2 in the letter from Francis Young to the Commission dated October 26, 2004. Second by Commissioner Seiden and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Seiden stated she would agree that dance is important to the Yaqui culture but inquired if there were another way to support this such as travel expenses to go to other schools to share their culture. Dr. McMillan suggested the Commission invite Francis Young to next meeting to explain the budget and provide information on other funding sources.

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

Dr. McMillan discussed the merits and cost of providing A City of Scottsdale bag and a Scottsdale Human Relations Commission banner to help promote the City and help event participants carry handouts, and give-a-ways. She provided information on the bags design and quality, artistic set-up, and cost.

Commissioner Padwe inquired if there are any other City of Scottsdale departments that could use this bag and allow us to order a larger quantity and save. Dr. McMillan replied that would not be viewed as fiscally responsible.

Commissioner Strickstein inquired if there is a reason for having the City of Scottsdale logo. Dr. McMillan explained the City policy regarding logos noting everyone must use the COS logo.

Vice Chair Culver stated he would check on prices for bags and a banner to see if he can get a better price.

THE REGIONAL UNITY WALK

Commissioner Seiden announced receipt of a donation from Western International University to offset the Walk T-shirt expenditure. Dr. McMillan announced Western International University also donated work out towels. Commissioner Strictstein inquired if co-sponsors would be allowed. Dr. McMillan replied in the affirmative. A discussion ensued regarding donations above what it needed to off set the cost of the walk could go into the Promoting Unity Fund. It was noted that information would be included in the solicitation letter.

CHAIR REPORT

Chair Tutelman reported in honor of this year's 50th anniversary of the landmark case of Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, the Arizona Supreme Court Administrative Office of the Courts is sponsoring a special educational tribute – There Are No Second - Class Citizens in Arizona. The Satellite Broadcast will be on Thursday, December 9, 2004.

Chair Tutelman provided an overview of the complaint that was filed by Ms. Camrena regarding a ruckus that occurred late in the evening or early morning where a kid had broken bottles on the street. And when she went out to clean it up the Mother of the kid who caused the disturbance was yelling at her and when she put up her hands to defend herself the police felt she was contributing to the disturbance threw her to the ground. He reported that Ms. Camrena had just had a cesarean section 17 days prior to this incident and her stitches were torn. He further reported a copy of the report would be provided. Dr. McMillan reported staff just received the report today.

Dr. McMillan acknowledged the presence of an ASU student that just arrived to sit in on public meeting as an assignment for his Public Relations Class.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Commissioner Tyler reported Scottsdale would hold the annual MLK Celebration Dinner in January at the Hyatt Gainey Ranch.

STAFF LIAISON ITEMS

Dr. McMillan presented the newspaper articles on Jamie Leibovitz on the diversity workshop. She reported that she attended the workshop. She further reported 45 kids attended. She further reported that she took pictures. She noted McDonalds donated the refreshments.

Commissioner Seiden requested clarification regarding what needs to be discussed at the ADL meeting. Dr. McMillan replied information on the specific product, how it is implemented, and the proposed outcome.

Commissioner Strickstein reported he would be meeting with the Chief of Police to discuss the psychological tests that are being used.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

“For the Record” Court Reporters.